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GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the
Church of Scotland,Holden and begun at *Edinburgh* upon *Thurs-*
day the 4th, and ending on *Tuesday* the
16th Days of *May* 1732.

I.

The KING's Commission to William Mar-
quis of Lothian produced and ordered to
be recorded.

At Edinburgh, 4th May 1732, Sess. 1.



THE General Assembly of this National
Church, being convened and constituted,
there was produced to them by the Most
Honourable *William Marquis of Lothian*,
His Majesty's Commission, sealed with the
Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union, to be kept and
used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*,
making and constituting him his Majesty's High Com-
missioner and Representative in this Assembly; which
Commission being publicly read with all due Honour
and Respect, was appointed to be recorded in the Books
of Assembly. The Tenour whereof follows,

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GEORGIUS Dei Gratia, Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae Rex, Fidei q; Defensor; Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos praesentes litterae nostrae pervenerint, salutem. Quandoquidem nos considerantes, quod Generalis Ecclesiae Scotiae Conventus in quartum diem Mensis Maii, proxime futuri, convenire ordinatus fuit: Nosque etiam abunde cupidi, quin etiam necessarium esse iudicantes in commodum dictae Ecclesiae, ut idem Generalis Ecclesiae Conventus die statuto debite observetur, atque rebus magni momenti nos alio vocantibus, dicto Conventui personaliter interesse nequimus. Et per multa testimonia nobis abunde satisfactum sit de sufficientia & fidelitate fidelissimi & dilectissimi nostri consanguinei Gulielmi Marchionis de Lothian, quod ad summum munus postea mentionatum, rite exercendum & obeundum, usque-quaque sit instructus & idoneus; Noveritis igitur nos nominasse, constituisse & ordinasse, sicuti nos, tenore praesentium, nominamus, constituimus & ordinamus antedictum Gulielmum Marchionem de Lothian, supremum nostrum Commissionarium ad effectum postea mentionatum, dando pariter & concedendo illi plenissimam nostram potestatem, commissionem & warrantum, sacram nostram personam & auctoritatem regalem representandi; nec non, praesentiam nostram supplendi, locum nostrum in dicto subsequenti Generali Conventu, tanquam Commissionario nostro in hunc effectum specialiter constituto, tenendi, omniaque alia ad imperium et munus Commissionarii pro Generali Ecclesiae Conventu peragendi, tam plene, adeoque libere, in quovis respectu, quam quilibet alius ejusdem summi muneris fecerat, seu quovis tempore praeterito facere potuerat, et ac si nos ipsi personaliter praesentes facere potueramus. Quaeque omnia & singula a dicto Gulielmo Marchione de Lothian, in hac nostra Commissionem prosequenda, legitime fecerit, seu fieri ordinaverit, nos firmiter approbamus, et habituri sumus. Omnibus & singulis insuper antedictae Ecclesiae & Conventus parochiis & presbyteris, ceterisque quibuscunque infra illam partem Magnae Britanniae Scotiam vocatam, subditis nostris cujuscunque gradus seu qualitatis, ut dictum Gulielmum Marchionem de Lothian, tanquam supremum nostrum Commissionarium quoad effectum et modum supra mentionatum, reveantur agnoscant, et dicto ipsius audientes se praebant, stricte mandamus & imperamus. Atque hanc nostram commissionem quarto die mensis Maii proxime incipere, ac deinceps hac subsequenti sessione dicti Generalis Conventus in vigore continuare declaramus, vel usque dum a nobis revocabitur et exonerabitur. In
cujus

cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum per
unionis tractatum custodiendum & in Scotia, vice &
loco magni sigilli ejusdem utendum, ordinatum appendi
mandavimus. Apud aulam nostram de St. James's quarto
die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo septingente-
simo trigesimo secundo, regnique nostri anno quinto.

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. regis superscriptam.

In dorso.

Seal'd at *Edinburgh* the
Second Day of *May*, One
thousand seven hundred
and thirty two.

Ja. Robertson.

Written to the Seal, and
Registered the first Day
of *May* 1732.

Robert Kerr.

II.

The **KING's** most gracious Letter to
the General Assembly, presented to
them by his Majesty's Commissioner,
May 4th, 1732, Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Trusty and Well beloved, We greet
you well. The Experience which we have
had of you in your former Assemblies, hav-
ing fully satisfied Us of your Zeal, Loyalty
and Affection for Our Person and Govern-
ment, and for Our Royal Family; and being intirely
persuaded that in your Consultations, you will constantly
have in View the Honour and Glory of God, the Peace
and Prosperity of the Church of which you are Mem-
bers, and the Welfare and Happiness of your Country,
We do most willingly approve this your Meeting, and
countenance the same with our Royal Authority, renew-
ing upon this Occasion the Assurances we have formerly
given you of Our fixt Purpose and Resolution to main-
tain that Church, as it is established by Law in *Scotland*,
in the full and free Possession and Enjoyment of all its
just Rights and Privileges.

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The Promoting of true Religion and Virtue, the preventing of the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Profaneness and Immorality, will be the Subject and Design of your Consultations. You may always depend upon Our Protection and Encouragement, and We have that Confidence in your Wisdom and Prudence, that We cannot doubt but your Debates and Proceedings will be conducted with that Moderation and Calmness, and that Brotherly Love and Charity towards one another, becoming so venerable a Body, which are so necessary to secure the Success of your Councils and Measures, and which will, in a particular Manner, recommend you to Our Favour.

We have made Choice of Our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin *William* Marquis of *Lothian*, to represent Our Royal Person in your Assembly, whose Loyalty and Zeal for Our Service, Affection and Concern for the Church of *Scotland*, firm Adherence to its Principles, and his Abilities for the Discharge of so great a Trust, are Qualifications that cannot but make him very acceptable to you, and engage you to give him your best Assistance towards the attaining of those great and good Ends for which you are convened. And so we bid you heartily Farewel. Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the 4th Day of *April* 1732, in the 5th Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

HOLIES-NEWCASTLE.

Directed thus,
To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, the Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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*The General Assembly's Answer to the
King's most gracious Letter.*

Edinburgh, May 6th, 1732, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



OUR Majesty's being pleased in your most gracious Letter to us, kindly to express your Satisfaction with the Zeal and Loyalty of our former Assemblies, and of their Affection to Your Person, Royal Family and Government, is a great Pleasure to us, and cannot but engage us carefully to follow the same dutiful Measures in this Meeting.

We esteem it our great Happiness, that we have a Sovereign upon the Throne, who recommends to us the pursuing of so high and good Ends, as the Glory of God, the Peace of the Church, and the Welfare of our Country; and that Your Majesty is graciously pleased, from a Persuasion of our Regard to these Ends, willingly to countenance our Meeting with Your Royal Authority, and to renew on this Occasion the Assurances which you have formerly given us, of your fixt Purpose and Resolution to maintain this Church, as it is established by Law, in the full and free Possession and Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges, which we most thankfully acknowledge, and presume with Confidence to rely upon.

The promoting of true Religion and Virtue, the preventing the Growth of Popery, and suppressing of Profaneness and Immorality, we hope, shall always be the great Subject and Design of our Consultations; for the accomplishing of these valuable Ends, we are sensible how much (under God) we need Your Majesty's Royal Protection and Encouragement, upon which (we bless God)

God) Your Majesty is graciously pleased to allow us always to depend.

Your Majesty's expressing such Confidence in our Wisdom and Prudence, is doing us the greatest Honour; and we hope, through the divine Assistance, that our Debates and Proceedings shall be conducted with that Moderation and Calmness, and that Brotherly Love and Charity, which becomes such a Body, and which are necessary to secure the Success of our Councils and Measures. And we esteem it an Evidence of your Majesty's great Goodness, that our behaving in a Manner so agreeable to our Duty and Interest, will recommend us to your Royal Favour.

The Choice your Majesty has made of the most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, is most acceptable to us, who are fully satisfied of his Loyalty and Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, of his Affections and Concern for this Church, and firm Adherence to its Principles, and of his Abilities for the Discharge of so great a Trust: All which justly oblige us to esteem this Choice, as a new and great Mark of your Majesty's Royal Favour to us; and we beg leave to assure your Majesty, that nothing shall be wanting on our Part, to make the Discharge of his high Trust easy and agreeable to him.

We humbly presume to take this Opportunity of acknowledging, with the greatest Thankfulness, Your Majesty's Royal Bounty in renewing Your pious and charitable Donation, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands. It is with great Pleasure that we can assure Your Majesty, that the Application thereof in former Years, hath produced very good Effects; and we hope it shall still produce more; and for that End, it shall be our Care, faithfully to employ it to the good and laudable Purposes for which Your Majesty hath been pleased to grant it, and in an exact Conformity to Your Majesty's Royal Orders.

May our gracious God, who hath placed your Majesty upon the Throne of your Ancestors, as a great Blessing to these your Dominions, and to all the Protestant Churches, long preserve you to reign over us, and bless your Counsels for the publick Good, with much Prosperity and Success. May he long preserve and abundantly bless Your Royal Consort the Queen, his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; and after a long and happy Reign on Earth, may he bless you with a Crown of Glory in Heaven; and may there never

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never be wanting a Prince of your Royal House to sway the Scepter over us; these are and shall be the Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Faithful, most Obedient, and most Loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

NIELL CAMPBELL, Moderator.

IV.

Act and Recommendation of the General Assembly for encouraging a Collection towards the further propagating of Christian Knowledge.

Edinburgh, May 12th, 1732, Sess. 8.



H.E. General Assembly having at a former Diet presented to them, a Petition for the General Meeting of the Society in Scotland for propagating Christian Knowledge, shewing,
“ That the said Society, erected by Royal Authority,
“ having had the Countenance of the General Assembly and other Judicatories of this Church, and Assistance of many Ministers and other charitable Persons therein, and in *England*, have been enabled, by the
“ Blessing of God, to carry on the Design of their Erection with good Success, so that they have at present
“ the Number of 105 Schools, at which there are about
“ 4146 Scholars, besides that there are great Numbers
“ who have been taught thereat formerly; and by Reports of Ministers and other Correspondents who have
“ visited these Schools, it appears that many are not
“ only taught reading *English*, and the Principles of our
“ Holy Religion, but Writing and Arithmetick, also
“ the common Tunes sung in Churches, and the *English*
“ Language is spreading in the *Highlands and Islands;*
and

and Care is taken that the rising Generation be brought up in the Abhorrence of Vice, and in Love with Piety and Virtue. In Parishes where formerly few or none of the common People could read, but were living in gross Ignorance and Superstition, there are now about 300, who can read, in others 4, yea 500 and upwards, reading the holy Scriptures, and other pious Books, and the young Ones reading to their aged Parents and others in the Family; and in the Parishes where it does not appear that ever the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administrate, Ministers have had the Freedom to celebrate the same with Comfort. 1

That Dr. *Daniel Williams*, a pious Presbyterian Minister in *England* lately deceased, did give a large Sum to this Society towards promoting Christian Knowledge in *Scotland*, and also did mortify some Lands, to the Value of 68*l. Sterl.* yearly Rent, to be paid in to the said Society at the End of one Year, after they should have three missionary qualified Ministers to abide in Infidel foreign Countries; and it being thought a Pity that such a charitable Fund should not be employed accordingly, but lost to the Society, they have agreed to essay this good Work, and have settled a Correspondence with his Excellency the Governor of *New-England* in *America*, and diverse Ministers and Gentlemen there, in Order to the finding out and employing fit Persons for instructing the native *Indians*, and a very agreeable Return is already come from the foresaid Correspondents, so that in a little Time it is expected, that Persons shall be sett to Work for the End foresaid: And from what appears from a former Attempt of this Nature in a Book lately printed, intituled, *Magnalia Christi Americana*, there is Ground to hope for Success in this Design. But the Society having so much to do at home by the many Schools they maintain, which is not by far the half of what is necessary for the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, they are not in Case as yet to do any Thing considerable for foreign Parts, seeing they cannot break their Stock, but only dispose of the Revenue; but this being a glorious Design, and hoping that many good Christians will be ready to concur therein, and perhaps some who have already contributed for Schools in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, will, when they hear of the good Effects thereof, again bestow something of what God has given them for advancing the Kingdom of Christ in foreign Infidel Parts; and others may perhaps give for this, who do not incline to give for the other; this has encouraged the Society to lay the Case before the Venerable Assembly.

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That tho' many Presbyteries, Ministers and others have done worthily towards the Furtherance of the Design of this Society in *Scotland*, yet others have very much neglected the same, and it has been designed to have given in a List of deficient Presbyteries and Parishes to the General Assembly, but it has been delayed, waiting their sending in their Contributions both for Stock and buying Books and maintaining poor Scholars. And craving to the Effect aftermentioned.

The General Assembly again having this Day heard the said Petition, with the Report of their Committee thereupon, and considered the same, did unanimously, and hereby do, recommend it to Presbyteries and Ministers to deal with charitable Christians in their Bounds, to contribute for promoting of Christian Knowledge both at Home and Abroad, and do ordain, That Intimation of these Presents be made from the Pulpits of all the Churches in *Scotland*, upon or before the first Lord's Day of *August* next, that so piously inclined Persons may know that such a noble Design is carrying on, that they who have a Mind to concur therein, may give in their Contributions to their Ministers, or transmit the same to Mr. *Joseph Cave* Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Treasurer to the fore-said Society, with their first Conveniency, and a Signification how they incline to have their Donations bestowed, whether towards maintaining Schools in the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, or for buying Books thereto, or for maintaining poor Boys at these Schools, or for helping to subsist missionary Ministers or Schoolmasters in foreign Parts of the World; and whether they desire their Donations to be added to the Stock, and laid out on Interest, or bestowed presently on the most pressing Exigencies of the Society. And the General Assembly appoints that Presbyteries enquire particularly into Ministers Diligence in this Matter, and deal with Deficients yet to pay in, and send their written Report to the fore-said Society, betwixt and the first Day of *November* next.

V.

Act anent Appeals, and for explaining the 10th Paragraph of the 5th Chapter of the Form of Process, agreed to by the Assembly 1707, anent Appeals.

Edinburgh, May 13, 1732, Sess. 9.



THE General Assembly appoints, That in all Time coming, an Appeal shall stop the finishing of the Settlement of a Parish by an inferior Judicature, untill it is either fallen from or discusst: Nevertheless a Presbytery may proceed to take Trials, serve the Edict, and to all the other previous Steps towards the Settlement, only the Ordination or Admission shall stop untill the Appeal be discusst.

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and ruling Elders for discussing diverse Affairs referred to them.

At Edinburgh the 15th Day of May, 1732. Sess. 11.



THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, That there are diverse and weighty Affairs which they cannot overtake, do nominate, commiffionate and appoint their Reverend Brethren, Mr. *Niel Campbel* Principal of the College of *Glasgow* their Moderator, Masters *Thomas Frazer* at *Boleskine*, *Hugh M'Donald* at *Portree*, *John M'Cleod* at *Uig*, *John M'Clean* at *North-Uist*, *Donald Ross* at *Lochbroom*, *Robert Kirk* at *Dornoch*, *John Sutherland* at *Golspie*, *James Ferm* at *Week*, *James Oswald* at *Dunnet*, *Walter Ross* at *Tongue*, *Murdo M'Donald* at *Duirness*, *Thomas Baikie* at

at Kirkwall, *William Scot* there, *George Copland* at Birsay, *John Nisbet* at Sandwick, *Alexander Nisbet* at Shappingthay, *Thomas Coventrie* at Sanday, *Thomas Hay* at Yell, *Thomas Waldie* at Lerwick, *Charles Fervey* at Campvere, *Samuel Semple* at Liberton, *John Thorburn* at Kirk-newton, *David M'Colm* at Dudingston, *James Smith* at Edinburgh, *Matthew Wood* there, *William Brown* there, *William Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, *William M'George* at Pennycook, *David Lindsay* at Cockpen, *Andrew Mitchel* at Newbottle, *James Wilson* at Symington, *Thomas Henderson* at Skirling, *Alexander Coupar* at Traquair, *John Hay* at Peebles, *Thomas Finlater* at Linton, *John Brand* at Borrowstouness, *John Brown* at Abercorn, *John Wilkie* at Uphall, *Robert Dalgliesh* at Linlithgow, *James Alston* at Dirleton, *John Cuming* at Humby, *Patrick Wilkie* at Haddingtoun, *Henry Schaw* at Cockburnspath, *George Logan* at Dunbar, *Laurence Johnston* at Dunse, *James Dawson* at Langtoun, *Thomas Anderson* at Ayton, *James Allan* at Eymouth, *Robert Wauch* at Hutton, *James Ramsay* at Kelso, *William Baxter* at Sproulston, *John Gilchrist* at Bedrule, *Robert Bell* at Crealline, *William Somervel* at Hawick, *Thomas Pitcairn* at Lauder, *Henry Home* at Gingle-kirk, *Adam Miln* at Melrofs, *Walter Stewart* at Askirk, *Alexander Orr* at Hodham, *David Balmain* at Westerkirk, *David Wightman* at Applegirth, *John Allan* at Kirk-michael, *Walter Cook* at Cummertrees, *Robert Fardin* at Glencairn, *Thomas Tod* at Derrisdeer, *James Guthry* at Irongray, *James Hill* at Kirkpatrick-Durham, *Thomas Mack* at Terreagles, *William M'Kie* at Balmaghie, *Robert Donaldson* at Balmaclellan, *Andrew Dick* at Crossmichael, *William Coupar* at Mochrum, *John M'Aul* at Whithorn, *James Tweddale* at Oldluc, *John Dickson* at Newluc, *Robert Alexander* at Girvan, *George Reid* at Symington, *Thomas Andrew* at Monkton, *John Campbel* at Muirkirk, *William Paton* at Dailey, *Andrew Cuming* at Largs, *John Montgomery* at Stewarton, *James Semple* at Dreghorn, *Robert Maxwell* at Kilbarchan, *Robert Carrick* at Houstoun, *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, *William Hamilton* at Bothwel, *John Scot* at Stenhouse, *Thomas Steel* at Strathaven, *James Braidfoot* at Dunfyre, *John Wilson* at Carlstairs, *Thomas Wharry* at Lesmahago, *John Hamilton* at Glasgow, *William Love* at Cathcart, *James Warden* at Calder, *James Bayne* at Bonhill, *Archibald Sydeserf* at Dumbarton, *Andrew Gray* at Easter-Kilpatrick, *Robert Glen* at Lochgoylhead, *Walter Campbel* at Dunoon,

Dougald Bannatyne at Kilbride, John M'Cleane at Killeen, Patrick Campbel at North Knapdale, Robert Fullarton at Kilmichael of Glassery, Alexander Campbel at Glenorchy and Clanchan-dysert, Archibald Campbel at Lismore, William Morison at Tiree, James Barber at Strontian, John Gow at Cargil, Adam Fergusson at Logierate, Robert Bisset at Blair-Athole, Alexander M'Culloch at Clunie, David Meldrum at Tippermoor, James Mercer at Aberdalgie, James Faichney at St. Martin's, James Mackie at Forteviot, Ebenezer Erskine at Stirling, Archibald Gibson at St. Ninians, William Campbel at Alva, Andrew Burgh at Madderty, Robert Drummond at Auchterarder, Andrew Ure at Fossoway, Michael Potter at Kippen, William Simson at Dumblane, Allan Logan at Culross, Ralph Erskine at Dumfermline, Robert Stark at Torriburn, David Pitcairn at Dysert, James Henry at Kinghorn, Robert Punton at Kennoway, William Thomson at Flisk, Thomas Thomson at Achermuchty, John Ballingal at Collessie, Alexander Stodhart at Falkland, Walter Wilson at Kilconquhar, Andrew Burn at Anstruther-Wester, James Haddow Principal of the New College of St. Andrews, John M'Cormock at St. Andrews, Joseph Drew Principal of St. Leonards College of St. Andrews, James Ramsay at Bendochie, James Gray at Kettins, Thomas Clephane at Newtile, Hugh Maxwell at Forfar, John Martin at Othlay, John Kerr at Mains, Thomas Davidson at Dundee, James Monro there, Henry Ogilvy at Inverkeilor, John Burn at St. Vigians, John Gillies at Caralston, Robert Steven at Craig, William Hooper at Montrose, James Douglas at Arbuthnot, David Burn at Fetteresso, William Thomson at Luthnot, John Osburn Principal of the Marischal College of Aberdeen, James Chalmers Professor of Divinity in the foresaid College, David Brown at Belhelvie, Thomas Ragg at Dyce, Alexander Strachan at Footdie, George Chalmers Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, John Shepherd at Logie Colston, George Shepherd at Aboyne, James Farquhar at Coull, James Gordon at Alford, Walter Sim at Tillinestle, John Lumisden at Strathdon, William Forbes at Tarves, John Ross at Logie Buchan, Alexander Simson at Monymusk, Alexander Mearns at Inch, James Honeyman at Keithhall, Alexander Achinleck at Frazerburgh, William Mercer at Pittligo, George Mair at New Deer, John Turing at Drumblate, William Miln at Innerkeithny, Alexander Irvine at Fordice, Andrew Ker at Rathven, Thomas Fairbairn at Gartly, John Ramsay at Cairney, David Dalrymple at Dundurcas

durcas, John Gilchrist at Boharm, William Blair at Kinguiffie, George Grant at Kirkmichael, George Gordon at Alves, James Winchester at Elgin, John Squire at Forrefts, Robert Dunbar at Dyke, Alexander M'Bean at Inverness, James Lesly at Moy, Hugh Campbel at Kilmore-Wester, Thomas Inglis at Cullicuden, Hugh Monro at Taine, Walter Ross at Kilmuir-Easter, John Morison at Urray, and James Frazer at Alness, Ministers; The most Honourable John Marquis of Tweeddale, the Right Honourable David Earl of Buchan, Thomas Earl of Haddington, Charles Earl of Lauderdale, Alexander Earl of Leven, Alexander Earl of Marchmont, James Earl of Hyndford, David Earl of Glasgow, Archibald Earl of Ilay, James Lord Aberdour, William Lord Ross, James Lord Torphichen, George Lord Reay, Sir Hugh Dalrymple of North Berwick Baronet Lord President of the Session, Duncan Forbes Esq; His Majesty's Advocate, Adam Cockburn of Ormiston Lord Justice Clerk, Sir John Maxwell of Nether-Pollock Baronet, Mr. James Erskine of Grange, Sir William Calderwood of Polton, Sir Walter Pringle of Newhall, Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto Baronet, Mr. Hugh Dalrymple of Drumore, Mr. Patrick Campbel of Monzie, and Mr. Alexander Frazer of Strichan, Eight of the Senators of the College of Justice, Sir John Clark of Pennycuik Baronet one of the Barons of his Majesty's Exchequer, Mr. Charles Erskine of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor, William McCleod of Eboft, Donald M'Niel of Vaterfay, Hector Monro of Novar, Mr. John Hay of Balbithan Chamberlain of Orkney, Ferom Denniston of Nowtland, Captain James Craigie Merchant in Lerwick, Archibald M'Aulay, Esq; Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, Patrick Lindsay late Provost of Edinburgh, Mr. Alexander Nisbet of Northfield, Mr. Joseph Cave Merchant in Edinburgh, John Osburn Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, William Wight Deacon of the Baxters in the said City, Mr. Robert Dundas of Arnilton, William Scot of Mosfennan, James Nasmith of Earlsbaugh, William Murray of Spittlehaugh, George Dundas of Dundas, Andrew Marjoribanks of that ilk, Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Innerwick, Mr. John Dundas of Newhall, Mr. George Buchan of Cumlage, Sir John Stewart of Allanbank, Mr. James Home Writer to the Signet, Mr. Andrew Riddel Preacher of the Gospel, Archibald Douglas of Cavers, Mr. Thomas Haliburton of Newmains, Robert Scot of Burnhead, Robert Kirkpatrick in Craigshield, Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch, George Irvine of Newton, Albert Kennedy

nedy Merchant in Drumfries, Sir *Thomas Gordon* of Earlston Baronet, Mr. *Andrew Reid* Preacher of the Gospel, *Patrick McDougal* of Crichan, Mr. *James Boswel* of Achinleck Advocate, *John Lockhart* Baillie of Air, Colonel *William Dalrymple* of Glenmoor, *Hugh MBryde* of Bedlan, Mr. *Hugh Baillie* of Monkton Advocate, Mr. *John Maxwell* of Blawardhill, *Alexander Finlayson* of Nelstonfide, Mr. *Ludovick Colquhoun* of Lufs, Mr. *George Smollet* of Ingliston, Sir *Hugh Montgomery* of Skermorly Baronet, *Peter Murdo* Provost of Glasgow, Mr. *John Orr* of Burrowfield, Mr. *James Bogle* Writer in Edinburgh, *John Muirhead* of Bredisholm, Mr. *Archibald Denholm* of Westfields Advocate, Sir *James Lockhart* of Carstairs Baronet, Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglass Baronet, Mr. *Alexander M'Millan* of Dunmore, Mr. *John Campbell* of Succoth Advocate, *Colin Campbell* at Kilbride, Esq; Captain *John Campbell* in Edinburgh, Sir *James Campbell* of Aberuchil Baronet, Mr. *Robert Blackwood* Merchant in Edinburgh, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* of Stonfield Advocate Sheriff of *Argyle*, Mr. *Alexander Belchies* of Innermay, Mr. *Robert Craigie* of Glendoig Advocate, *Alexander Robertson* of Easter Straloch Younger, Captain *James Menzies* of Comrie, Mr. *George Abercrombie* Younger of Tillibody Advocate, Sir *Henry Rollo* of Woodside, Mr. *Alexander Abercromby* of Tillibody Elder Advocate, Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, Mr. *William Charter* Clerk of Kirkaldy, Mr. *James McGill* of Rankeilor, Sir *Robert Anstruther* of Balcaskie, Mr. *James Duncan* Professor of Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews, *Patrick Drummond* of Gairdrum, *Thomas Adamson* Merchant in Kirriemuir, *Alexander Ferrier* of Coudonknows, *John Donaldson* Merchant in Dundie, *William Wallace* late Provost of Aberbrothwick, *Henry Cowie* Merchant in Brichen, *Charles Crockat* one of the present Baillies of Edinburgh, *Robert Steuart* late Provost of Aberdeen, Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox, *James Muirison* Provost of Aberdeen, *William Chalmers* Sheriff of Aberdeen, *Alexander Farquharson* of Monaltrie, *James Forbes* Uncle to the Laird of Allford, *James Dick* in Bomakeffie, *Alexander Irvine* of Suffock Advocate, *Alexander Forbes* of Ludquhairn, Mr. *Alexander Garden* of Troup Advocate, *Robert Steuart* Provost of Banff, Mr. *William Duff* of Crommie Advocate, *Thomas Grant* of Achnynany, Mr. *Patrick Grant* of Easter-Elchies Advocate, Sir *James Grant* of Grant Baronet, *Ludovick Dunbar* of Westfield, *James Brodie* of Whithill, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, *Donald Ross* Baillie of Taine; and Mr. *Albert Monro* of Coull, Ruling Elders;

ders; to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects aftermentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly House at *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, and afterwards the second *Wednesdays* of *August*, *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator. And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers and authorises their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see Cause in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contain'd in and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly, and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice, which they can prevent, as they will be answerable; providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And 'tis hereby appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the fourstated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the said Commission with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproved by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly *Anno 1717* to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force as Instructions to the Commissioners abovenamed, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert, and that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our Confession of Faith, and the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General

ral Assembly; Likewise to take Care that the Impressions of the Holy Scriptures, the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and to give Directions about printing the same; they are also appointed at their first Meeting to take under Consideration all Representations of the Growth of Popery within the Bounds of this National Church, and of Meeting-Houses not authorized by Law, which have been brought up to this and former Assemblies, or Commissions thereof, or may be further offered to this Commission, and to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned, and in all their Actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same, declaring, That in and for all their Actings they shall be accountable to and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure untill another Commission be appointed, and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly, Anno 1706; and for the better securing of a *Quorum* and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and any other Presbyteries within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission; and such of the Members of those Presbyteries as are on the Commission, are required all of them to give punctual Attendance on the Diets thereof: And Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same.

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Commission to some Ministers and ruling Elders for managing the King's Bounty, and for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

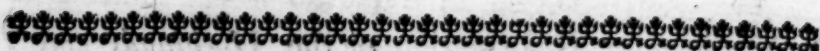
Edinburgh, May 15th, 1732, Sess. II.



THE General Assembly finding, That it has pleased Our Gracious Sovereign the King, out of his Royal Bounty, to renew his Grant of One thousand Pounds *Sterling* for encouraging itinerant Preachers and Catechists, for assisting Ministers established in the *Highlands and Islands of Scotland*, in giving the People in these Parts such Instruction as is necessary to enlighten and arm them, against the Practices of Popish Priests that resort thither; and finding that diverse preceding General Assemblies have appointed some Ministers and Elders, for managing of the Royal Bounty given for the End foresaid, who did yearly count for their Management; And it being necessary that some be of new nominate for that Effect, the General Assembly do by these Presents nominate, commissionate, and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Niel Campbel* Principal of the University of Glasgow their Moderator, Mr. *William Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, Masters *James Alston* at Dirleton, *William Miller* at Edinburgh, *William Gusthart* there, *David Anderson* Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen, *Thomas Linnen* at Lessmahago, *Niel M'Viccar* at Westkirk, *John M'Cleod* at Uig, *Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, *Thomas Baikie* at Kirkwal, *Samuel Semple* at Liberton, *John Thorburn* at Kirknewton, *David M'Colm* at Dudingston, *James Smith* at Edinburgh, *Matthew Wood* there, *William Brown* there, *John Brown* at Abercorn, *Laurence Johnston* at Dunse, *John Howie* at Morton, *William Coupar* at Mochrum, *John Montgomery* at Stewartoun, *Archibald Campbel* at Lismore, *Patrick Stewart* at Auchtergaven, *James Haddow* Principal

cipal of the New College of St. Andrews, *James Gray* at Kettins, *John Shepherd* at Logie-Coldstone, *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, *Alexander M^cBean* at Inverness, *Walter Ross* at Kilmuir-Easter, *John M^cLaren* at Edinburgh, *John Schaw* at South-Leith, *James Grierson* at Edinburgh, *James Nisbet* there, *James and John Walkers* at Canongate, *John Guthrie* at Ratho, *Walter Allan* at Collingtoun, *John Matthison* at Edinburgh, *James Bannatyne* there, *John Goldie* there, *George Fordice* at Corstorphine, *Matthew Crawford* Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the University of Edinburgh, *Robert Kinloch* at Edinburgh, *Alexander Ker* in the Castle-Kirk, *John Hepburn* at Edinburgh, *John Spark* at Currie, *Patrick Cummin* at Edinburgh, *James Stevenson* at South-Leith, *George Lindsay* at North-Leith, *George Wishart* at Edinburgh, *Robert Hamilton* at Cramond, *William M^cGeorge* at Pennycaik, *James Gordon* at Alford, and *John Osburn* Principal of the Marischal College at Aberdeen, Ministers; the Right Honourable Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of Northberwick Baronet Lord President of the Session, *Duncan Forbes* Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, *Adam Cockburn* of Ormiston Lord Justice Clerk, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of Minto and Mr. *Hugh Dalrymple* of Drumore, two of the Senators of the College of Justice, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Barjarg his Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of Edinthead, Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, *John Osburn* Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, *Patrick Lindsay* late Provost thereof, *Archibald M^cAulay* Esq; Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, Mr. *Robert Dundas* of Arnistoun Advocate, Sir *James Campbell* of Aberuchil Baronet, Sir *Thomas Gordon* of Earlston Baronet, *Ludovick Colquhoun* of Luss, Mr. *George Buchan* of Cumlage, Mr. *Albert Monro* of Coull, Mr. *James Baillie* of Hardingtoun, Mr. *Alexander Stevenson* of Montgreenan, Mr. *John Dundas* of Newhalls, Mr. *Alexander M^cMillan* of Dunmore, Mr. *Joseph Cave* Merchant in Edinburgh, *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask late Baillie of Edinburgh, *James Nimmo* late Dean of Gild thereof, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* of Northfield, Mr. *Alexander Belchies* of Innermay, *James Young* of Killicanty, Mr. *Robert Stewart* and Mr. *Colin Drummond* Professors of Philosophy in the College of Edinburgh, Dr. *John Riddel* Physician, *Andrew Gardner* Merchant in Edinburgh, *Robert Inglis* Goldsmith there, *Adam Thomson* late Baillie in Canongate, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, and Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox, ruling Elders; to be a Committee of this

this Assembly for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, and for disposing upon the foresaid Royal Bounty according to and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant above mentioned. And the General Assembly do hereby renew the Powers contained in the sixth Act of the late General Assembly *Anno* 1731, and the seventh Act of the General Assembly 1729, and the several Acts therein mentioned, also the Regulations contained in the fourth and sixth Acts of the General Assembly, *Anno* 1730, which are held as here repeated. And any Seven of the foresaid Persons are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof four are always to be Ministers, and the foresaid Committee are appointed to have their Meetings in *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be on *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be on the *Monday* next thereafter, with Power to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find needful; and the said Committee are hereby impowered to nominate Ministers, Preachers and Catechists in the Terms before mentioned, to go in Mission to the foresaid Places, and assign them their several Posts, and determine the Time of their Continuance therein, and to enquire aent their Diligence, Faithfulness and Carriage, and what their Sallaries shall be, and give Orders about the Payment thereof, as the said Committee shall see Cause; and the General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint, Mr. *William Grant* Procurator for the Church of *Scotland*, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the foresaid Committee, and according to their Rules and Directions; and the said Committee are likewise to have a particular Regard to the Regulations agreed upon by the foresaid Committee, upon the 30th of *September* 1730, and to take Care that *Presbyteries* and others concerned observe the same.



VIII.

*Act anent the Method of Planting Vacant Churches.**Edinburgh, May 15, 1732, Sess. II.*

THE General Assembly taking to their serious Consideration how necessary it is, that (until it shall please God in his Providence to relieve this Church from the Grievances arising from the Act restoring Patronages) there should be an established Rule for the Planting of Vacant Parishes, when the Right of doing so falls into the Hands of Presbyteries, either *tanquam jure devoluto*, or by the Consent of such as have Interest: And that there may be an uniform Method followed by Presbyteries in this Matter, and so the unhappy Debates and Divisions which have often fallen out upon such Occasions may be prevented in Time coming; and also, that it may be evident, that this Church desires to have all the Parishes in it settled in such a Manner as may give reasonable Satisfaction to all concerned; Therefore enacts and ordains, That all Presbyteries, when the Planting of any Parish shall fall into their Hands *tanquam jure devoluto*, take Care to have the same supplied by a well qualified Gospel Minister, to labour among the People for their Spiritual Edification: And, in Order thereunto, when Application shall be made unto them by any two or more of the Heritors and Elders jointly or separately, for the Moderation of a Call, the Presbytery shall appoint Intimation to be made from the Pulpit of the Vacant Parish, ten free Days before the Meeting for that Effect, that a Call is to be moderated, and shall appoint one or more of their Number, who, after Sermon, shall meet with the Heritors and Elders of the vacant Parish, in Presence of the Congregation, upon the Day fixed for the Moderation, to moderate in a Call to one to be Minister of the Parish, who is to be Elected and Called by the Heritors and Elders in a Conjoint Meeting. That after the finishing of the Election, the Person so elected to be Minister shall be

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proposed to the Congregation, to be either Approven or Disapproven of by them; That the Disapprovers shall offer their Reasons to the Presbytery of the Bounds, at whose Judgment, and by whose Determination, the Calling and Entry of the Minister shall be ordered and concluded according to the Rules of this Church. That in Case of Vacancies in Royal Burghs, the Election or Call shall be by the Magistrates, Town Council and Elders in a joint Meeting, where there is no Landward Parish, and by the Magistrates, Town-Council, Heritors and Elders in a joint Meeting where Part of the Parish is to landward. And the General Assembly declares, That all Heritors, being Protestants, who shall be willing to subscribe the Call by themselves or their lawful Proxies, or who shall by a Writing under their Hand invite the Person called to be Minister of the Parish, and to exercise the Duties of his ministerial Function, and promise to encourage him in it, shall be admitted to Vote in Calls or Elections of Ministers to Vacant Parishes: And that no Vote, either of Heritors or Elders, shall be sustained, except such as shall have either signed the Call, or for whom there shall be produced a Writing in the Manner and to the Purpose abovementioned, in Presence of the Minister moderating in the Call. And in Case of Difference amongst the Heritors and Elders about the Person to be elected, the Minister moderating is appointed to reduce what shall be alledged on both Sides into a Minute, containing the true Matters of Fact impartially, and to lay the same before the Presbytery for their Decision. And, in Case no Application shall be made to the Presbytery in Manner foresaid, by the Heritors or Elders, for moderating a Call within six Months after the *jus devolutum* begins to take Place; the General Assembly recommends it to Presbyteries to plant Vacant Churches in such Manner as shall contribute most to the Advancement of Religion, and to the Peace and Comfort of Parishes.

And that there may be no unnecessary Delays in Planting of Churches, the Assembly further ordains, That in Case within the Six Months next after the Vacancy, such as have Interest shall show their Disposition to comply with this Ecclesiastical Rule, by applying to the Presbytery to have the Parish planted in the Way and Manner above specified, the Presbytery shall proceed to the Settlement thereof in the foresaid Way and Manner, without putting it off till the said Six Months are expired. And the General Assembly recommends it to all Ministers, Preachers and Members of this

Church, to take Care that they do not encourage nor go into any Method for Planting Vacant Churches, contrary to, or inconsistent with this Act.



IX.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh the 16th Day of May, 1732. Sess. ult.



THE next General Assembly of this National Church, is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh*, upon the first *Thursday* of *May* next, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and *Thirty three*; in this Place.

This General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, Singing of a Part of the XLVIII. Psalm from the 10th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM GRANT *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

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The Commissions from the Burghs of *St. Andrews* to Mr. *Archibald Campbel* Professor of Ecclesiastick History in the University of *St. Andrews*, and from *Coupar* to Mr. *George Boes* one of the Ministers thereof, to represent these Burghs, in this Assembly not sustained, because not agreeable to the Acts of Assembly and Practice of this Church, that Burghs send Ministers to represent them in the General Assembly; therefore ordered the Names of the above Messrs. *Boes* and *Campbel* to be struck out of the Roll of Assembly. *Ibid.*

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A Resolve to take in the Reference concerning the Planting of the Town and Parish of *Dumfries* upon Monday next.

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- nistry at *Uphal* as formerly, the Commission are im-
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ner from the Presbytery of *Long-Island*, containing
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- A Process and Appeal from the Presbytery of *Gaithness*
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Reference to the Commission to judge in any Process shall be brought before them with Relation to the Planting the Parish of *Fedburgh*. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of the Presbytery of *Brichen* against the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, their settling of Mr. *William Hopper* Probationer, as one of the Ministers of *Montrose*, dismissed, and the Settlement affirmed. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to judge in an Appeal of *John Mickle* Younger *Baxter* in *Air*, against the Synod and Presbytery of *Air*, refusing to assoilzie him *simpliciter* from the Scandal of Fornication, whereof he is accused. *Ibid.*

The Case of *John McTaggart* his Marriage with *Janet Kennedy* Relict of *Anthony McHarg* is referred to the Commission, with Power to determine therein as they shall find just. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns* refusing the Parish of *Essie* and *Nevay* a Hearing of Mr. *David Maxwell* Probationer reversed, and the Presbytery of *Meigle* ordered, upon Application of the Parish, to appoint the Moderation of a Call thereto, admitting Mr. *David Maxwell* on the Leet, and a Remit to the Commission to judge in any Reference or Appeal may regularly come before them anent Planting of that Parish, the Appeal being always laid before the Synod or Commission, which of them first meet. *May 11th, Sess. 7.*

Petition and Complaint of the Parishioners of *Kinross* and Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, against the Commission of the last Assembly, for settling of Mr. *Robert Stark* Probationer as Minister of the said Parish, read and delayed till To-morrow, and the same, together with a Complaint and Petition of Heritors, Elders and others of the Parish of the *Westkirk* against the foresaid Commission's Sentences, settling Mr. *Patrick Wedderspoon* as their Minister, lodged with the Moderator of the Commission to see the same. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Deficients in the Synods of *Lothian*, *Glasgow*, *Argyle*, *Perth*, *Fife* and *Galloway*, to contribute for forwarding the designed new Erection of a Parish at *Norrington*, renew'd. *May 12th, Sess. 8.*

Recommendation to deficient Parishes and Presbyteries in the Synods of *Fife*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray* and *Ross*, yet to collect for building the Bridge upon the West Water betwixt the Parishes of *Lathnot* and *Navar*. *Ibid.*

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Petition of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Inverness*, craving an itinerant Preacher to be sent to the Parish of *Kiltarlarty*, referred to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge and their Committee, to use their best Endeavours for having the Sum of *L. 20000 Sterling*, appointed by Act of Parliament, 4^{to} Geo. I. entitled, *Act for vesting the forfeited Estates in Trustees*, &c. to be paid out of the forfeited Estates for maintaining Schools in the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland* made effectual. *Ibid.*

The Matters contained in the Petition of Mr. *Andrew Burn* Minister at *Anstruther Wester*, craving a Recommendation to the Government, in order to obtain an Augmentation to his Stipend out of the Bishop's Rents, remitted to the Commission to use their Endeavours for having the Desire thereof made effectual. *Ibid.*

An Overture with relation to Appeals from inferior Judicatures read and order'd to lie upon the Table till another Meeting. *Ibid.*

The Petitions and Complaints against the Settlement of *Kinross* dismiss'd, reserving to the Assembly to judge of the Conduct of the Commission when they receive the Report of the Committee for revising their Book, and the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* ordered to receive and enroll Mr. *Stark* as one of their Number. *Ibid.*

Upon a Motion for marking a Dissent, and Protestations offered against the Decisions of the Assembly concerning the Settlement of *Kinross*, the Clerk is prohibited to enter any such Dissents or Protests in the Minutes or Records of Assembly. *May 13th, Sess. 9.*

Complaint of the Parishioners of *Westkirk* against the Settlement of Mr. *Patrick Wedderspoon*, (now deceased) among them, withdrawn. *Ibid.*

Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book, and the Book ordered to be attested in the usual Form, with a Disapprobation of some Steps of their Procedure in the Settlement of the Parish of *Kinross*. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee upon the Publick Accounts approved, bearing, That the Representatives of Mr. *John Dundas* late Procurator for the Church, and *George Dundas* of *Dudingston* Cautioner, are discharged of all Preceedings, and that Mr. *William Grant* as Principal, and Mr. *John Miller* Minister at *Nielfton* as Cautioner, had granted Bond that the said Mr. *William Grant* shall account for the Church's Publick Money that should be received by him. That the State of that Fund had been laid before the last Assembly, and it

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was not thought proper that any new Claim should be sustained untill the Debts already stated should be payed. The Petition concerning Mr. *Udislaus Bochwitz* his Debts refused, also the Petition from the Presbytery of *Long-Island* for their Commissioner's *Viaticum*, likewise the Desire of Mr. *Hector McKenzie* at *Forthery* for Expences of the Process for his Stipend to be born out of the Church's Publick Money, former Recommendations for Contributions for pious Uses renewed, and a Reference to the Commission, and Committees to call Collectors to an Account; and see to the right Application of the foresaid Contributions, also to divide the Libraries sent from *London*, and prosecute former Resolutions thereanent, and the Agent's Accounts revised by the foresaid Committee ordered to lie upon the Table till another Diet, that any Member who please may inspect the same. *Ibid.*

The Management of the Committee for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands laid before the Assembly by the Visitors of their Book approvén, and the Report of their Procedure recorded, bearing, That the Hirs and Representatives of Mr. *John Dundas* late Cashier thereto, and *George Dundas* of *Duddingston* his Cautioner, had payed in the Ballance which was in his Hands. That the Accounts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty granted *Anno 1729*, had been presented to, and sustained by the Barons of Exchequer; and that the Number of Missionaries upon the Royal Bounty this Year are 114, and the above Visitors, with others joining them, to bring in a Nomination of a new Committee for managing the Royal Bounty for this Year, with a Draught of their Commission and Instructions. *Ibid.*

The Members of the Assembly ordered to meet by their Synods severally, to name Persons to be a Committee for Nomination of the Members of the Commission to be appointed by this Assembly, and prepare the Draught of their Commission and Instructions. *Ibid.*

A List of Persons brought in and appointed as a Committee for drawing the Commission to be given by this Assembly, naming the Members thereof, and preparing Instructions for them. *Eod. die, post Merid Sess. 10.*

Overture concerning the Method of planting vacant Churches, brought in and ordered to lie upon the Table till next *Sederunt*. *Ibid.*

The Process depending before the Presbytery of *Coupar* against Mr. *William Greenlees* Minister at *Ceres*, containing two Appeals by him against the said Presbytery,

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and another Appeal of Mr. *Alexander Stoddart* Minister at *Falkland* relative thereto, referred to the Commission in *August*, with Power to judge and determine therein, and in any other Reference or Appeal that may come regularly before them, from Synod or Presbytery, in the Course of this Process. *Ibid.*

A Remit to the Commission to meet in *August*, or any subsequent Meeting, to cognosce and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that may be brought before them with Relation to the planting the Town and Parish of *Lochmaben*. *Ibid.*

Two several Appeals of *Robert Miller* Farmer in *Sawchie* from Sentences of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling* in Processes of Adultery depending before the Kirk-sessions of *Alloa* and *Clackmannan* against him, referred to the Commission, with Power to determine therein, as they shall find just. *Ibid.*

A Petition of some Parishioners of *Carluke*, craving the Assembly might yet cognosce in the Cause of the Settlement of that Parish, the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Air's* Sentence thereanent, formerly wanting, being now produced, refused and the Cause dismissed. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for nominating the Members of the Commission, and also of the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands*, brought in and approven, *May* 15th, *Sess.* 11.

An approving the Accompts of *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church his Intromissions with the Church's Money, from the 1st *May* 1731 to 1st *May* 1732, and discharging him of the Sums therein-mentioned, as received by him, and ordering Payment of a Ballance due to him with Interest and Preference, according to the Acts of the General Assembly and Commission. *Ibid.*

The Overture anent the Method of planting of vacant Churches again read, and by a Vote approven. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Sutherland*, *Orkney*, *Lothian*, *Merse*, *Dumfries*, *Glasgow*, *Perth*, *Angus*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray* and *Ross* attested in the usual Form, *May* 16th, *Sess.* ult.

The Synod Books of *Glenelg*, *Galloway*, *Argyle* and *Fife*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, not being brought up, 'tis ordered that the same be laid before the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

An Overture of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, and Representation of the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale* concerning *Barbaries* remitted to the Commission to be

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be by them prepared for the next General Assembly.
Ibid.

The Commission are instructed to see to the effectual Payment of the Burses allotted for the *Lithuanian* Students, payable by the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweddale*, and three Presbyteries in the Synod of *Merse*. *Ibid.*

Remitted to the Commission to judge in any Reference or Appeal may be brought before them anent planting any Vacancy of the Churches in the City of *Edinburgh*, also to judge and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that may regularly be brought before them anent planting the Vacancy in the *West-kirk*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission of all Affairs depending before the late Commission not discuss. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Angus* against *William Burnet* of *Creigie*, and Mr. *Gilbert Anderson* Minister of *Fordon* Appellants, from a Sentence of the said Synod, sustaining a Call given by the Parish of *Ecclesgreig*, to Mr. *Alexander Shanks* Preacher of the Gospel, for not insisting in their Appeal. *Ibid.*

The Lists of Probationers and Students in Divinity were brought in, the Names of the first of these were read, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed for revising the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, and giving Orders about printing such of the Acts thereof as are to be standing Rules and are of publick Use.

The Minutes of this Day's *Sederunt* were read. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech, and then the Assembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

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